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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

Sir:

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare:

- 1. That we are the named inventors for the claimed subject matter of the present application, and that each of us is currently employed by ANDEN CO., LTD, (hereinafter "ANDEN") a co-assignee of the present application.
- 2. That prior to the US filing date (5 November 2002) of US patent 6,948,944 to Ueno, we had completed a four-page written disclosure of the invention disclosed and claimed in the present application. The written disclosure is attached, along with a cover page, as the Appendix to this declaration and bears a case number PN02-184. One purpose of the written disclosure was to record the invention for possible patenting.
- 3. That the pages of the Appendix are known to us to be a true copy of our disclosure, which was sent to the intellectual property department of ANDEN on October 10, 2002.

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- 4. That the first page (cover page) of the Appendix bears a group of date stamps near its top in a table form. The second date stamp from the right shows the date (October 10, 2002) on which the disclosure was submitted to our intellectual property department.
- 5. That the rightmost date stamp the first page of the Appendix shows a date of 15 October 2002, which is the date that the disclosure was received by the intellectual property department.

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